



Why Play Baseball at Douglas College?

Douglas College is entering its 12th year of existence and is one of the best post-secondary options for Canadian baseball players. The Royals program has been a launching pad for players who have wanted to continue their academic pursuits while playing against elite US competition. Over the years, Douglas College has sent many players to both NCAA and NAIA institutions as well as having players four players selected in the MLB draft. Former Royal Scott Richmond who is currently pitching in the majors for the Toronto Blue Jays got his start in the Douglas College program.

We are a two year program that belongs to the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC). The league is comprised of 35 colleges all located south of the border in Washington and Oregon. The Royals compete in the elite North Division which is arguably the strongest conference in the Pacific Northwest.

We would like you to consider Douglas College as your stepping stone to the next level. Our Sport Science, Criminology, and Business programs are amongst the strongest in the province. Overall the academic standards are higher in Canada which will lead you to a quality degree after four years of post-secondary education. With UBC, Oregon State, Washington State, University of Washington, and Gonzaga all within the surrounding areas, our program will expose you to some the top universities in North America. It is our goal to develop you both on and off the field to reach your potential at the next level, wherever that may be.

Sincerely,

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Expenses

It can cost anywhere from \$15 000-\$20 000 CAD per year to attend a junior college in the United States (see following chart). Staying at home for the first two years of a college baseball career can save as much as \$25,000, not including travel costs to and from the college of choice in the United States. Douglas College baseball is a fully funded sport at the college which means there are no player fees to pay (it is \$2,000 to play in the CCBC). Also, playing in the NWAACC allows players to play against high level US competition in front of NCAA, NAIA and professional scouts both here and across the line. Last season the college gave out almost \$10,000 in scholarships to our student-athletes.

Education

Credits earned at Douglas College are transferable to all major universities in B.C and the US. This is not always the case when transferring credits from a junior college in the United States. There are many examples of students transferring back from the U.S. losing most of their earned credits. They are then faced with extra years of student expense in school in order to finish their education. Douglas College has a great transfer relationship with UBC, SFU, and UVIC and all other universities in B.C. In addition to university transfer programs, Douglas offers two-year diplomas, bachelor's degrees, and post-graduate degrees should a student decide to complete their education there after baseball.

Exposure

It is no longer necessary to play in the U.S. to be seen by four-year schools and professional scouts. The recent success of many baseball players from B.C. had contributed greatly to the increased coverage that our area receives. In addition to the spring league schedule, the Royals play a full fall exhibition schedule with games in BC and in Washington State. Our September/October schedule comprises 15 – 20 games with another 40 plus spring games during the Championship Season from March through May including a spring trip to Arizona to showcase against the top JC's in that area.

College Baseball Cost Comparison

School	Tuition	Books	Room & Board	Total \$USD	Total \$CAD
Bellevue College (WA)	\$7000.00	\$800.00	\$4500.00	\$12300.00	\$14760.00
Cerritos College (CA)	\$7541.00	\$800.00	\$4500.00	\$12841.00	\$15409.00
Treasure Valley CC (OR)	\$4500.00	\$800.00	\$5300.00	\$10600.00	\$12720.00
Douglas College (NWAACC)	\$2900.00**	\$500.00	N/A***	N/A	\$3400.00

**Approximately \$120.00 per credit (assuming 12 credits – 4 classes per semester)

***Assuming student is living at home

- The exchange rate used in the above calculations is \$1.20. Actual exchange rates will vary from year to year.
- Athletic scholarship money varies from state to state and is minimal when compared to overall costs. For example, in Washington the maximum is \$200.00 per quarter or \$600.00 per year, plus a possible \$600.00 in work-study grants.
- The above chart does not include transportation. A parent must allow for at least four flights per year unless the destination is within driving distance.
- Other costs such as application fees, student fees, spending money etc. have not been included in this comparison as they will apply at all institutions.